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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



John Wild, AMSL President 2019



One of my favorite AMLS meetings is this month!

It's our annual auction that is instrumental in funding our scholarships to William Holland School of Lapidary Arts – certainly a worthy cause. We set a record last year at the auction and I am confident this year will also be well supported. In addition to our regular auction, we will have several silent auctions happening in the background. Bring your rocks, slabs, tools, cabochons, faceted gemstones, lapidary supplies, jewelry and most importantly.....your checkbook!

I have always been Impressed with the quality and quantity of auction items. I have been fortunate enough to win a few bids and as it turns out, everybody wins! The person donating the item made room in their collection (so they could buy something else at the auction I hope), the winning bidder bought an item they treasured and maybe then transformed it in to a lovely jewelry piece and sold it or gave it to a family member.

It's also not too early to be looking ahead to our show at Tannehill. There will be some changes this year and we need your help in making the show successful. We always are looking for new vendors. If you would like to be a vendor or know someone that would like to participate, contact me or Cathy Kellogg and we will make the arrangements. Our May meeting will be all about the show and getting our volunteers lined up to work on specific days and projects. We bought gemstones, minerals and a lot of geodes that we will sell at the show and we will need several volunteers to pull this off.

Thank you to those supporting our workshop. More classes and fun events are on the horizon that will appeal to both kids and adults. The workshop is scheduled to be open on Tuesdays in AprilThanks, Reggie!

One last thing.....in addition to Tannehill planning at our May meeting, we also have our Tumbling contest! Bring your best polished stones and win a great prize!

See you at the Auction!

John Wild, President, AMLS

AMLS MEETING FRIDAY APRIL 6, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.

CAHABA HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3139 CAHABA HEIGHTS RD. BIRMINGHAM, AL 35243

Remember to bring a dish or drink and an auction item if you like!

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WORKSHOP OPEN DAYS

EVERY TUESDAY IN THE MONTH OF APRIL AND MAY 2019!!!

Reggie Bolton will hold the workshop open every Tuesday this April and May from 12:00 P.M. until 8:00 p.m.

Please be supported of the workshop and Reggie!! Machines are available for use for a \$5.00 fee per hour!!

Let Reggie know that you are coming!! Otherwise, he may leave early! 205-410-9455

Bunny Bolton will do some classes on Tuesday after four but will let us know what days she will be there! Stay tuned!

Hopefully, we will have some weekend openings so stayed tuned! Workshop address is: 8036 Parkway Dr. Leeds, AL 35094 MEMBERS ONLY!!

Classes

None submitted except Bunny. See above! Contact Rhea Profitt for more information if you are interested in a class or would like to teach something! 205-239-0949 Rhea. You can also contact one of the officers if you would like to teach a class!!

Field trips!

Lou Ann or Bud Newell 205-482-3234 text or call

WE have a fantastic opportunity to go to one of the Southeast's open mine pits in Georgia called Graves Mountain. Look it up and read about this amazing place!!

April 26,27,28,29, 2019. Grave Mountain is located in Lincolnton, GA close to Augusta, GA. This is the times that you want to go as they will have drives and golf carts/four wheelers to haul you up and down the mountains!! It is worth the tips so take plenty of ones!! Trust us! We have walked it before!! There are portalets and Jr. will be with his team cooking hot dogs and hamburgers along with chips, cookies, candy, drinks! You can also pack a lunch if you like. Let me know if you are interested in going! I will send the information to you!! This is a twice a year event!! **Cost is a donation! Please donate to keep this event going! BTW vendors are there selling some goodies from rocks to jewelry!! Bring money!**

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Jackson's Crossroads, Tignall, GA JSX

After Graves we are invited to Jackson Crossroads for a dig on Monday for amethyst crystals!! We have found some awesome specimens there on our trips. Again, if interested let me know! I will send you the information! There is a cost of \$35.00 This one is April 29, 2019 (Monday) It is an hour from Graves!

AMLS Board Meeting March 25, 2019

In attendance Cathy Kellogg, John Wild, Rhea Proffitt, Bunny & Reggie Bolton, Levan Foster, Lou Ann Newell, Cathy reported that we have about 25 vendors signed up for Tannehill so far. There are several RV spaces left as well as open air and shed spaces. She will recontact some she hasn't heard from yet and John will help her. As far as publicity goes Tim Leatherman will be lining up TV spots. The internet is going to be crucial to getting the word out about Tannehill and other events and everyone needs to be on board to spread the word through Facebook and other options.

The club needs a new webmaster as Steve Adams wants to retire from this position. We may need to hire someone rather than depend on a club member to step up. Board members will be making some contacts.

Oak Mountain is coming up fast. Grab bags have been filled and sifting cups have been loaded-thanks volunteers! John will get sand and rocks for painting and Rhea will get additional paint and brushes. We will need staff for geode cracking, sifting, rock painting and taking money. Lou Ann will get an e-mail out for volunteers and auction donations.

**Bunny agreed to take on the silent auctions for each meeting. A new workshop schedule was started. Reggie will start opening on Tuesdays 12-8 again beginning April 9. Bud will offer another soldering class soon. We agreed to have a potluck cabbing party June 15th. This date will give us a little time to recover from Tannehill and can be a meet and greet for new members.
respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary**

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AMLS MEETING MARCH 5, 2019

AMLS meeting March 8, 2019. Don Rosenstiel said our blessing and the group lined up for a good pot-luck dinner.

John Wild asked our visitors to introduce themselves and we met Lee & Susan Murray and Jeff Croft. * There was a motion to accept the February minutes which passed. Treasurer Reggie Bolton reported that recent deposits and checks written offset each other. \$500. more was spent than was budgeted for geodes and minerals for the upcoming Oak Mountain Spring Festival outreach event so that amount needed to be added to the budget. A motion was put forward and carried. We discussed the need for volunteers at that festival coming up on April 6. We will need plenty of volunteers for Tannehill June 1 & 2 and the Oak Mountain Fall Festival in October.

In November we will sponsor a craft show as well.

Upcoming we have the tumbling contest at the May meeting. Stones collected at the Brookwood field trip need to be tumbled to enter this annual competition. March 17th there will be a trip to Hogg Mine. This will be a private dig for our club, the fee is \$35. per person.

The Dixie Mineral Council will have a fossil dig in March as well. All members of AMLS can attend the council field trips. Graves Mountain Spring dig is coming up April 26-28 followed by a special Monday dig at Jackson Crossroads.

The Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies will hold an old- fashioned rock swap May 17-19 at the Spirit of Suwanee Music Park in Live Oak, FL. Members of rock clubs all over the southeast will be there. Space to sell from is \$25. but it's free to go and shop. (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

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If you like to buy, sell, swap or talk about rocks this event is for you. Our own Reggie Bolton is president of the SFMS and will be there doing all of the above!

Our April meeting will feature the annual auction. Bring donations of rockhounding or other items to be auctioned off and money to buy wonderful offerings. This is a big fund raiser for us, always lively and entertaining with bargains and rare finds to be found. Please label any donations so the auctioneers don't have to guess at what it is and where to start the bidding.

John and Ivey Cook presented a program on their trip to Quartzite, AZ with pictures and examples of what can be found there.

**Door prizes were chosen, and the meeting was adjourned. respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary
*(is this correct?)**

~~~~~**NEW MEMBERS**~~~~~

**We have gotten several new members over the past three months! I will have them listed next month! Welcome to the club! We are glad that you are here!!**

**Badges will done soon!! Please be patient! I do have some that have not been picked up!! See Lou Ann at the meeting(s) to get yours!**

**You should have your membership cards if you have paid! See Reggie or Lou Ann if you still need one.**

**List of Officers will be redone soon! Will send separately! If you need someone's number please contact Lou Ann. 205-482-3234.**